

## **Final Report of Child Fatality or Near Fatality**

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DOB: 3/2/98      Race: W      Gender: M

Type of Report:      X   Fatality                         Near Fatality

Date of Fatality or Near Fatality: 2/10/12

### **Cause and Circumstances of the Child Fatality or Near Fatality**

Date Report Accepted for Investigation: 2/14/12

Summary of Allegations: On 2/14/12, SCDSS received a report that indicated a 15-year-old child was found unresponsive in his bed by his mother. This incident occurred on 2/10/12. The reporter stated the child was being supervised by a relative while his mother was away from the home running errands. The reporter stated the child was born with tuberous sclerosis, which is a genetic disorder. The mother stated the child was last seen by his doctor in July of 2011 for his yearly EEG.

Date Investigation Initiated: 2/14/12

Case Decision: The case was indicated for neglect, medical neglect, and educational neglect by the mother and her husband.

Date of Case Decision: 2/24/12

Explain the Basis for Case Decision: The coroner's report stated the child died in the 2005-2006 school year. The case decision was also based upon medical records.

### **The Department's Response After the Fatality or Near Fatality**

The siblings of the deceased child were taken into emergency protective custody by law enforcement and were subsequently placed with relatives.

SCDSS offered parenting education, family preservation services, case management and monitoring to the mother.

Custody of the siblings of the deceased child was returned to the parents on 10/31/13. The case closed on 11/19/13.

Previous Child Abuse or Neglect Investigations that are Pertinent to the Child Fatality or Near Fatality

The family had no prior child protective services history.